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SPECIAL AGENT

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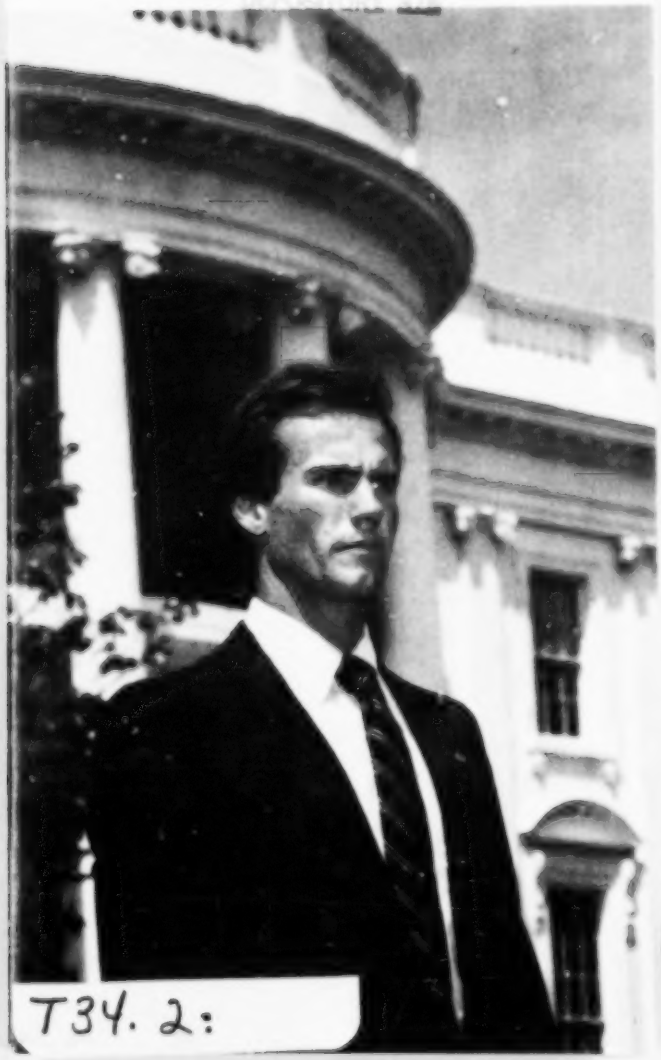
United States Secret Service



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Special Agents of the United States Secret Service are charged with two missions: protection and investigation. Throughout their careers, Special Agents perform both protective and investigative assignments.

Protection

After the assassination of President William McKinley in 1901, the Secret Service was directed by Congress to protect the President of the United States. This duty remains the primary responsibility of the United States Secret Service.

Today, Special Agents are authorized by law to protect:

the President, the Vice President, (or other officer next in order of succession to the Office of President), the President-elect and Vice President-elect;

the immediate families of the above individuals;

former Presidents and their spouses for their lifetimes, except that protection of a spouse will terminate in the event of remarriage;

children of former Presidents until age 16;

visiting heads of foreign states or governments and their spouses traveling with them, other distinguished foreign visitors to the U.S., and official representatives of the U.S. performing special missions abroad;

major Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates, and within 120 days of the general Presidential election, the spouses of such candidates.

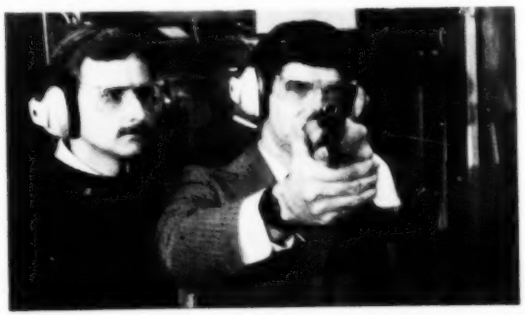
Investigation

Counterfeiting -- Special Agents are responsible for the suppression of the counterfeiting of United States currency and securities -- the purpose for which the Secret Service was established in 1865. We investigate as well the counterfeiting of certain Government identification documents or devices.

Fraud and Forgery -- Other major investigative responsibilities include electronic fund transfer frauds, credit and debit card frauds, computer frauds, forgery of Government checks and bonds, and other frauds involving securities and obligations of the United States.

Training

Special Agents receive general investigative training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia, and specialized instruction at Secret Service training facilities in the Washington, D.C., area.



Training includes comprehensive courses in protective techniques, criminal law, criminal investigative procedures, use of scientific investigative devices, first aid, the use of firearms, and defensive measures. Rules of evidence, surveillance techniques, undercover operations, and courtroom demeanor are also studied. Classroom study is supplemented by on-the-job training.

Special Agents regularly participate in advanced in-service training programs throughout their careers.

Employment Opportunities

Opportunities for Special Agent positions are limited because of high competition and a low attrition rate. Consequently, only the most qualified applicants are appointed. However, the Secret Service is always interested in qualified applicants and encourages those qualified to apply.

Prior to being considered for a Special Agent position, candidates must pass the Treasury Enforcement Agent Examination. Candidates may apply to the nearest United States Office of Personnel Management or may inquire at the nearest Secret Service field

office. A limited number of the most qualified applicants will receive a series of in-depth interviews, and must complete a polygraph examination as a condition of employment.

The applicants must also undergo a thorough background investigation. Selected applicants should be prepared to wait an extended period of time for vacancies to occur.

Newly appointed Special Agents may be assigned to duty stations anywhere in the United States. Throughout their careers, Special Agents experience frequent travel and reassignment.

Age Requirement

Appointees must be less than 35 years of age at the time of entrance on duty.

Educational Requirements

Applicants must have: (1) a Bachelor's degree; or (2) a minimum of three years of experience of which at least two are in criminal investigation; or (3) a comparable combination of experience and education. College level study in any major field is acceptable.

Physical Requirements

Since Special Agents must be in excellent physical condition, applicants must pass a comprehensive medical examination prior to appointment. Weight must be in proportion to height. Vision requirements are 20/40 in each eye, correctable to 20/20.

Promotional Opportunities

Special Agents are appointed at the GS-5 or GS-7 level, depending upon experience and education. Eligibility for promotion is based upon performance. The full performance level for a Special Agent in GS-12. Selection for promotion to positions above the GS-12 level is based on merit and as vacancies occur.

Benefits

Low-cost health and life insurance may be obtained through federal employee programs. Immediate families may be included in health benefit plans.

Financial protection is provided, without cost, to agents and their families in the event of job-related injury or death.

Annual leave accrues at the rate of 13 to 26 days annually, based on length of employment. Prior federal civilian or military service is creditable.

Sick leave accumulates at the rate of 13 days per year without limit.

To apply for a position as a Special Agent of the United States Secret Service, contact the nearest United States Office of Personnel Management or the nearest Secret Service Field Office.

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